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In re application of:

CHATTERJEE, Deb K.

Appl. No. 09/229,173

Filed: January 13, 1999

For:

Cloned DNA Polymerases From

Thermotoga maritima and

Mutants Thereof

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 21, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12), Applicant submits the following and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-10, 13, 16, 17, 19, 26, 28, 29 and 34-38 are pending in the application.

All the pending claims were rejected.